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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : BITTNER et al.  
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AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE SAME  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following is written in response to the Official Action dated June 23, 2006. Please, kindly reconsider the application in light of the arguments presented herein. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time, and any additional necessary relief. A check for the petition fee is attached hereto. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 50-0548 for any deficiencies.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include a new sheet showing an added drawing figure.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

No extensions are believed necessary for this filing. However, applicant hereby petitions